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December 8, 1986

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J.F. Kennedy Federal Building  
Government Center  
Boston, Massachusetts 02203

Honorable Robert S. Mueller  
United States Attorney  
District of Massachusetts  
John W. McCormack Post Office  
& Courthouse, Room 1107  
Boston, Massachusetts 02109

Attention: [REDACTED]  
Assistant United States Attorney

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Re: [REDACTED]

JOSEPH RALPH MCGINNIS-  
VICTIM;  
POSSIBLE EXTORTION MATTER

Dear Sir:

This is to confirm a conversation on December 5, 1986,  
between Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Springfield, Massachusetts, and Special Agent (SA)  
[REDACTED] of the Springfield, Massachusetts Resident  
Agency of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

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In that conversation, AUSA [REDACTED] was advised of an  
investigation wherein Joseph Ralph McGinniss was allegedly a  
victim of a possible threatening telephone call. There is some  
expectation additional telephone calls will occur.

AUSA [REDACTED] advised he concurred in the monitoring  
and recording of such calls with McGinniss' consent and foresaw  
no entrapment problems.

Very truly yours,

JAMES F. AHEARN  
Special Agent in Charge

By: [REDACTED]  
Supervisory Special Agent

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& Courthouse, Room 1107  
Boston, Massachusetts 02109

Attention: [redacted]  
Assistant United States Attorney

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Dear Sir:

This is to confirm a conversation on June 4, 1987,  
between Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) [redacted]  
[redacted] Springfield, Massachusetts, and Special Agent (SA)  
[redacted] of the Springfield, Massachusetts Resident  
Agency of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

During that conversation, AUSA [redacted] was advised of  
the fact Joseph R. McGinniss was recently telephonically  
contacted by [redacted] who  
suggested Mr. McGinniss give some consideration to omitting any  
reference to [redacted]  
[redacted] in his upcoming book about the celebrated [redacted]  
Mr. McGinniss was further advised by [redacted] the possibility  
existed if McGinniss were to forget about the [redacted] connection in  
his book, perhaps the trouble he (McGinniss) had with [redacted]  
some months ago could be resolved.

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Based on the above, and further, the fact AUSA [redacted]  
previously authorized consensual monitoring on the McGinniss  
telephone, AUSA [redacted] advised he concurred in the monitoring  
and recording of additional calls with McGinniss' consent  
foreseeing no entrapment problems.

Very truly yours,

JAMES F. AHEARN  
Special Agent in Charge

By: [redacted]  
Supervisory Special Agent

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